French Indian Wars - Daniel Mathews in the North Brookfield Muster Roll 1756

From the History of North Brookfield

Muster Roll of Capt. Obadiah 24, 1756.

Capt. Obadiah Cooley, Brookfield
Lt. Joseph Stone "

Ens. David Keyes Western

Clerk, Moses Barns Brookfield
Sergt. Benoni Banister, Western
" Silas Walker, Brookfield
" Cornelius White "

Corp. Moses Jennings "

" Daniel Matthews "

" Nathaniel Paige "

" Francis Stratton Western
Drum"" Philip Deland Brookfield
Jabez Ayres "

1 75 7. This was a year of disasters to the English and American forces, and was remembered and spoken of by our fathers for three generations, as the year of " The Great Alarm about the taking of Fort William Henry."

The expedition planned against Crown Point and Ticonderoga was popular ; many of the last year's men re-enlisted, and new men were readily secured. But by order of Lord Loudon, then commanding in the Provinces, the bulk of the army was drawn off in an expedition against Louisbourg, which proved a failure. Only about 7,000 men — 4,000 under Gen. Webb at Fort Edward, 3,000 under Col. Munroe at Fort William Henry — were left for the defence of the north-western frontiers.

Gen. Montcalm, with an army of 11,000 French and Lidians concentrated at Ticonderoga, and Aug. 3, invested Fort William Henry. Col. Munroe had an effective force of only 2,372 men; but gallantly held the great army at bay for six days, and surrendered Aug. 9. By the terms of capitulation. Col. M. and his troops were allowed to march out with the honors of war, retaining their arms and baggage. But the Indians attached to Montcalm's army, without hindrance from the French officers, plundered the most valuable stores, and murdered in cold blood about 300 officers and men.

The alarm of the peril of our troops reached this town before the surrender ; and our companies began the march for relief, Aug. 9. Finding themselves too late, our men returned in a short time.

The Brookfield soldiers in service this year were : Peter Harwood, Joseph Perry and Amos Tute, under Maj. Is. Williams, Jan. to Nov.; John Gilson, under Lieut. Joseph Blake ; Jabez Ayres, Samuel Barns, John Goss, Eliphalet Hamilton, Caleb How, Asa Lamson, and Wm Virgin aged 60, (then of Chelmsford) ; Breed Batcheller, Josiah Ban-

ister, Jedediah Deland, Samuel Gould, Reuben Hamilton, and David Palmer ; Christopher Banister, in Capt. Learned's Co. ; and those that turned out on the " Alarm " were : Jonathan Pellet, then of Sheffield ; Joseph Barns, David, Jr., Jedediah and Solomon Gilbert, Eliakim Spooner and James Thompson, in Capt. Eleazar Warner's New Braintree Co.

Muster Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Woolcott's Co. that marched Aug. 9,
and was out 16 days.

Capt. Nathaniel Woolcott
Lt. Abraham How
Ens. Benj. Adams
Sergt. John Witt

" Thomas Taylor
Corp. Aaron Bartlett

" Wm Watson

" Wm Ayres

« Daniel Gilbert
Moses Ayres
Onesiph. Ayres
Wm Ayres 3d.
John Baker, Jr.
Jacob Ball
Thomas Ball
Aaron Barns
Adoniram Bartlett
Joseph Bartlett
Matthew Bartlett
Nathaniel Bartlett
Zachariah Brown
Samuel Chapman
Benjamin Cooley
Nahum Eager
Solomon Flagg
Joseph Gilbert

John Goodale
Jeremiah Gould
Nathan Gould
Samuel Gould, Jr.
John Hair
Timothy Hall
Joseph Hatfield, Jr.
Oliver Hayvvard
Corlis Hinds
Caleb How
Elijah How
Ephraim How
Abner How

Jedediah How, Jr.
Silas How
Nathaniel Jones
Asa Lamson
John Lamson
Daniel Matthews
Daniel Potter
Joseph Stone
Arthur Tucker
David Witt
John Woolcott
Oliver Woolcott
William Wright.

Muster Roll of Capt. Jabez Upham's Co. that marched Aug. 9, and was out 1 7 days.

Capt. Jabez Upham
ist Lt. Obadiah Cooley
2d. Lt. John White
Ens. Benj. Walker
Sergt. Eben"' Jennings

Sergt. Nathan Hamilton
" William Old
" Benjamin Rice

Corp. James Brigham
" Josiah Hobbs

Corp. Ezekiel Old

" Philip Deland
Gideon Abbott
Abraham Adams
Abraham Adams, Jr.
David Aiken
Joseph Banister
Seth Banister
John Belenger
Moses Bragg
David Bridge
Uriah Bush
James Converse
Jabez Crosby
Ebenezer Davis
Daniel Deland
Obadiah Deland
Thomas Dodge
Amos Hamilton, Jr.
Eliphalet Hamilton
Ezra Hamilton
Thomas Hamilton
Samuel Hinckley
John Jennings
Moses Jennings
David McClure
John McClure
Comfort Old
Reuben Old
Asa Partridge
Asahel Peters
Daniel Rolf
John Rainger
Ephraim Rice
John Green
Stephen Green
Josiah Hamilton
Jonas Rice
Oliver Rice
Solomon Rice

Samuel Rogers
Phinehas Slayton
Thomas Slayton
Josiah Stephens
Roger Stephens
John Waite, Jr.
Abraham Walker
Adoniram Walker
Joseph Walker
Edward Walker
Phinehas Walker
Reuben Walker
Daniel Walker
John Woolcott
Ithamar Wright
Obadiah Wright
Richard Vorce
John Hamilton
William Henshaw
Ebenezer Hayward, Jr.
Benjamin Jennings

Muster Roll of Capt. Jacob Abbott's Co. that marched Aug, 9, [not in the capitulation].

Capt. Jacob Abbott
Lt. Thomas Gilbert
Ens. Abner Brown
Clerk, Jona. Abbott
Sergt. Joseph Wood
" Robert Clafiin
Uriah Abbott
Caleb Dodge
Josiah Dodge

Walter Dorothy
Abner Gilbert
John Gilbert
Othniel Gilbert
Philip Gilbert
Seth Gilbert
John Goss
Peter Hill
Joseph Loring

Abraham Martin
Stephen Martin
David Pahner
John Peso
John Phipps
William Ranger
Moses Rich
Philip Rich

Thomas Rich

James Roaff

Charles Rice, k. by the Indians

William Tuffs

John Watt

Samuel White

Jeremiah Woodbury